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Patent No.: 7,050,473) Examiner: T. Nguyen
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For: **PUMPING LIGHT SOURCE FOR LASER-ACTIVE MEDIA**

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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.322**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Certificate of Correction for U.S. Patent No. 7,050,473 which issued May 23, 2006. Upon reviewing the patent, the patentee noted a minor typographical error in claim 24. Specifically, the word "hare" before the word "having" should be deleted.

A Certificate of Correction is enclosed, and reads as follows:

Column 12, line 34

Delete the word "hare" before the word "having"

Enclosed is a copy of Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowance dated December 20, 2005 evidencing the requested correction. Claim 44 in the Examiner's Amendment

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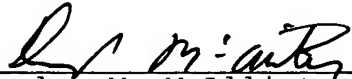
corresponds to claim 24 in the patent.

Since the error for which a Certificate of Correction is sought was the result of Patent and Trademark Office mistake, no fee is due (35 U.S.C. §254). The issuance of the enclosed Certificate of Correction is therefore respectfully requested.

Attached hereto, in duplicate, is Form PTO-1050, with at least one copy being suitable for printing.

Please send the Certificate to Patentee's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below, to the amended claims 1, 4, 5 should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview on December 1, 2005 with Mr. Barry Lipsitz (Attorney for Applicant, Reg. No. 28637).

Claim 1-28: (Canceled)

Claim 29:

29. (Currently Amended) Pumping light source for laser-active media comprising:

an outer member enclosing a gas discharge medium, said outer member being optically transparent,

a first electrode acting as a cathode and having a first electrode end located within the outer member, the first electrode end being essentially cooled by thermal radiation,

a second electrode acting as an anode and having a second electrode end located within the outer member, ~~and~~

said outer member having a gas discharge section extending between the electrode ends facing one another, and

said pumping light source being operated with a gas discharge having a predominantly diffuse arc attachment at the first electrode proceeding from an areally extended surface area located at the first electrode end, said gas discharge generating pumping light exiting through said gas discharge section,

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wherein the surface area has an extension greater than two thirds of an average cross-sectional surface area of the volume area at the first electrode end.

Claim 34: (Canceled)

Claim 36:

36. (Currently Amended) ~~Pumping light source as defined in claim 29,~~ Pumping light source for laser-active media comprising:

an outer member enclosing a gas discharge medium, said outer member being optically transparent,

a first electrode acting as a cathode and having a first electrode end located within the outer member, the first electrode end being essentially cooled by thermal radiation,

a second electrode acting as an anode and having a second electrode end located within the outer member,

said outer member having a gas discharge section extending between the electrode ends facing one another, and

said pumping light source being operated with a gas discharge having a predominantly diffuse arc attachment at the first electrode proceeding from an areally extended surface area located at the first electrode end, said gas discharge generating pumping light exiting through said gas discharge section,

wherein the extension of the first electrode between an electrode opening of the outer member and the first electrode end relative to the average cross section of the first electrode

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is such that the extension is greater than ten times the average cross section of the first electrode.

Claim 39:

39. (Currently Amended) ~~Pumping light source as defined in claim 29,~~ Pumping light source for laser-active media comprising:

an outer member enclosing a gas discharge medium, said outer member being optically transparent,

a first electrode acting as a cathode and having a first electrode end located within the outer member, the first electrode end being essentially cooled by thermal radiation,

a second electrode acting as an anode and having a second electrode end located within the outer member,

said outer member having a gas discharge section extending between the electrode ends facing one another, and

said pumping light source being operated with a gas discharge having a predominantly diffuse arc attachment at the first electrode proceeding from an areally extended surface area located at the first electrode end, said gas discharge generating pumping light exiting through said gas discharge section,

wherein:

material forming the first electrode end is provided with a dope additive leading during operation to a lower electrode operating temperature than in the case of the undoped material, and

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in the first electrode the heat resistance between the first electrode end and the electrode opening is at least 10°C/W .

Claim 40:

40. (Currently Amended) ~~Pumping light source as defined in claim 29,~~ Pumping light source for laser-active media comprising:

an outer member enclosing a gas discharge medium, said outer member being optically transparent,

a first electrode acting as a cathode and having a first electrode end located within the outer member, the first electrode end being essentially cooled by thermal radiation,

a second electrode acting as an anode and having a second electrode end located within the outer member,

said outer member having a gas discharge section extending between the electrode ends facing one another, and

said pumping light source being operated with a gas discharge having a predominantly diffuse arc attachment at the first electrode proceeding from an areally extended surface area located at the first electrode end, said gas discharge generating pumping light exiting through said gas discharge section,

wherein:

the electrode operating temperature of the first electrode end is lower than the melting temperature of the material of the electrode end, and

in the first electrode the heat resistance between the first electrode end and the electrode opening is at least 10°C/W .

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Claim 41:

41. (Currently Amended) ~~Pumping light source as defined in claim 29,~~ Pumping light source for laser-active media comprising:

an outer member enclosing a gas discharge medium, said outer member being optically transparent,

a first electrode acting as a cathode and having a first electrode end located within the outer member, the first electrode end being essentially cooled by thermal radiation,

a second electrode acting as an anode and having a second electrode end located within the outer member,

said outer member having a gas discharge section extending between the electrode ends facing one another, and

said pumping light source being operated with a gas discharge having a predominantly diffuse arc attachment at the first electrode proceeding from an areally extended surface area located at the first electrode end, said gas discharge generating pumping light exiting through said gas discharge section,

wherein the first electrode end consists of tungsten doped with ~~a~~ with at most 5% by weight of an oxide of a rare earth material with having a work function for electrons smaller than that of pure tungsten.

Claim 42:

42. (Currently Amended) ~~Pumping light source as defined in claim 41,~~ wherein Pumping light source for laser-active media comprising:

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an outer member enclosing a gas discharge medium, said outer member being optically transparent,

a first electrode acting as a cathode and having a first electrode end located within the outer member, the first electrode end being essentially cooled by thermal radiation,

a second electrode acting as an anode and having a second electrode end located within the outer member,

said outer member having a gas discharge section extending between the electrode ends facing one another,

said pumping light source being operated with a gas discharge having a predominantly diffuse arc attachment at the first electrode proceeding from an areally extended surface area located at the first electrode end, said gas discharge generating pumping light exiting through said gas discharge section, and

the first electrode end ~~consists~~ consisting of tungsten doped with at least 0.1% by weight of lanthanum.

Claim 44:

44. (Currently Amended) ~~Pumping light source as defined in claim 29, wherein~~ Pumping light source for laser-active media comprising:

an outer member enclosing a gas discharge medium, said outer member being optically transparent,

a first electrode acting as a cathode and having a first electrode end located within the outer member, the first electrode end being essentially cooled by thermal radiation,

a second electrode acting as an anode and having a second electrode end located within the outer member,

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said outer member having a gas discharge section extending between the electrode ends facing one another,

said pumping light source being operated with a gas discharge having a predominantly diffuse arc attachment at the first electrode proceeding from an areally extended surface area located at the first electrode end, said gas discharge generating pumping light exiting through said gas discharge section,

the first electrode ~~has having~~ a holding section passing through the electrode opening, said holding section consisting of a material wettable by the material of the outer member, and ~~that~~

an end section supporting the first electrode end ~~adjoins~~ this adjoining said holding section.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, with respect to claims 29, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44 the references of the record fail to teach or suggest:

Claim 29:

A pumping light source for laser-active media comprising:
an optically transparent outer member enclosing a gas discharge medium, having a first cathode electrode end and a second anode electrode end located within the outer member having a gas discharge section extending between the electrode ends facing

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one another, where the gas discharge pumping light exiting through said gas discharge section, where the pumping light source being operated with a gas discharge having a predominantly diffuse arc attachment at the first electrode proceeding from an areally extended surface area located at the first electrode end, and the first electrode end being essentially cooled by thermal radiation, wherein the surface area has an extension greater than two thirds of an average cross-sectional surface area of the volume area at the first electrode end.

Claim 36:

wherein the extension of the first electrode between an electrode opening of the outer member and the first electrode end relative to the average cross section of the first electrode is such that the extension is greater than ten times the average cross section of the first electrode.

Claim 39:

wherein: material forming the first electrode end is provided with a dope additive leading during operation to a lower electrode operating temperature than in the case of the undoped material, and

in the first electrode the heat resistance between the first electrode end and the electrode opening is at least 10°C/W .

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Wherein: the electrode operating temperature of the first electrode end is lower than the melting temperature of the material of the electrode end, and

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Claim 42:

Wherein the first electrode end consisting of tungsten doped with at least 0.1% by weight of lanthanum.

Claim 44:

Wherein the first electrode having a holding section passing through the electrode opening, said holding section consisting of a material wettable by the material of the outer member, and an end section supporting the first electrode end adjoining said holding section.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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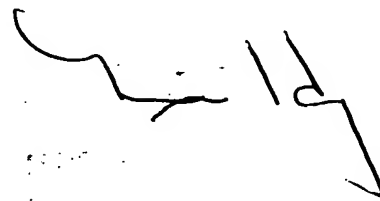
Communication Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan N Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1948. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:30 - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harvey Minsun can be reached on (571) 272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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